

## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ■ July Board Meeting Briefs

#### ◆ **SANBAG/RCTC Team Up on Trip Reduction/Ride Sharing**

SANBAG has been involved in the funding and implementation of ridesharing and trip reduction services since the agency's inception in 1973. SANBAG collaborates with other county transportation commissions to introduce new rideshare products and services and enhance the popular website: [www.CommuteSmart.info](http://www.CommuteSmart.info). This site provides commuter information to an average of 12,000 users per month. The regional Guaranteed Ride Home program assists ridesharing commuters with trips home in case of an emergency. Since 1993, SANBAG has implemented its local programs in partnership with Riverside Transportation Commission (RCTC). The SANBAG Board voted at the July meeting to renew the contract with RCTC through June 30, 2009. The county trip reduction/rideshare program is funded through federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, which are allocated by the SANBAG Board. As a transportation control measure, ridesharing strategies are needed to assist the region in meeting air quality and transportation conformity goals. Reports indicate the Rideshare Program has increased participation by 11.9% over the previous year. Some regional marketing activities, including periodic media luncheons to promote Rideshare, are coordinated by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

#### ◆ **Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP) Final Report Adopted by SANBAG**

The MCGMAP represents an unprecedented partnership among county, regional, and state transportation agencies to address the goods movement challenges facing the Southern California Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura, and Imperial. This collaborative group was also instrumental in the successful pursuit of Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF). This master plan for goods movement is intended as a guide in the preparation of State, regional and local transportation plans. It provides an overall framework for improving freight mobility and reducing the environmental and community impacts of that freight by: 1) accelerating regional environmental mitigation; 2) relieving congestion and improving mobility; 3) improving operational efficiency; and 4) developing an equitable public/private funding strategy. Since the draft Action Plan was released in November 2007, numerous public workshops were held throughout the region to obtain comments and feedback. The comments received were addressed in the Final Action Plan, which is available on the project website: [www.metro.net/mcgmap](http://www.metro.net/mcgmap).

#### ◆ **Traffic Light Synchronization Program Report Submitted to Board**

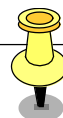
Proposition 1B authorized the Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) to fund signal synchronization projects and other technology-based improvements that improve safety, operations, and effective capacity of local streets and roads. Caltrans, California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) staff evaluated over 100 TLSP applications statewide and developed a project priority list for the funds. The San Bernardino Valley program is divided into four implementation tiers, which cover approximately 650 traffic signals in this plan.

#### **SANBAG Public Information**

Community outreach programs are provided on SANBAG transportation projects during environmental study phases and during construction.

#### **Tippecanoe/Anderson Interchange**

On June 17, 2008, a Public Outreach Meeting was held for the I-10 Tippecanoe/Anderson Interchange in San Bernardino and Loma Linda. It is currently in the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study phase. Maps, exhibits, facts sheets, right-of-way literature and staff provided information for attendees. Public comments were received and documented.



#### **Meeting Calendar**

- **Aug 6:** SANBAG Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- **Aug 13:** Administrative Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Aug 14:** Major Projects Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Aug 15:** Mountain Desert Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Aug 20:** Plans and Programs Com., 12:00 p.m.

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◆ **Colton Crossing moves forward on Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED)**

Colton Crossing is a railroad-to-railroad grade separation project located where the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad lines intersect south of the I-10 Freeway in Colton. The environmental study phase of the project is moving forward after an amendment to the funding mix was approved at the SANBAG July 2008 meeting. The preliminary studies were completed in 2005 and now \$3.5 million has been funded by the State for the environmental studies (PA/ED). SANBAG is the lead agency on the project. The environmental process will provide:

- Five alternative designs for Colton Crossing
- An engaging and transparent review process
- An extensive public outreach program



The environmental studies will evaluate biological aspects, cultural, noise and vibration, air quality, visual resources, community impact and hazardous materials. Public outreach plans are currently being developed and input will be received through a variety of methods over the next 18 months. A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be ready for review by late 2009.

◆ **SANBAG approves agreement with City of Rialto to study Metrolink parking expansion**

The City of Rialto Redevelopment Agency has completed its evaluation of the proposed sites for an expanded Metrolink parking lot. It has selected two locations for further study and environmental clearance. The study and Environmental Document should be completed by December 2009.

◆ **TCIF Prop 1B funds for I-10 Corridor**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) acted on April 10, 2008 to program \$1.648 billion in Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for projects in Southern California, including \$239 million for SANBAG's top priority projects. At the July meeting, the SANBAG Board approved a Baseline Agreement for the I-10 Corridor Logistics Access Project: I-10/Riverside Interchange Improvements in Rialto. The Agreement identifies funding arrangements, delivery schedule, scope, and expected performance benefits as required. Other TCIF projects will subsequently require Baseline Agreements to proceed.

◆ **Ramona Grade Separation Construction**

The SANBAG Board awarded the construction contract for the Ramona Grade Separation in Montclair to Riverside Construction Company. Since December 2006, SANBAG has been involved in a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Montclair whereby SANBAG agreed to advertise, award, and administer the Ramona Avenue Grade Separation construction contract on the City's behalf. SANBAG has now procured construction management services to facilitate construction of the project, which will begin in the fall of 2008. Total cost of the project is \$17.4 million.

◆ **Glen Helen Grade Separation gets green light to begin Project Approval/Environmental Study**

The SANBAG Board approved a cooperative agreement to fund the environmental studies on the San Bernardino County Glen Helen Grade Separation over the BNSF/UP Cajon Line. Also included are the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in Winter 2010.

◆ **Sacramento Legislative Update presented**

The SANBAG Board received a legislative update which highlighted potential impacts from the State Budget process. For transit funding, the agenda reflects the difference in Assembly/Senate treatment of restoration of the Public Transportation Account (PTA). For more information, go to SANBAG's website:

[www.sanbag.ca.gov/LegAlertJuly07-18-08.pdf](http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/LegAlertJuly07-18-08.pdf)